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"Our law enforcement officers and emergency responders need reliable communication during emergencies and disasters," said Rep. Melancon. "This federal grant provides the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Department with the technology needed to communicate more effectively and better serve citizens throughout the parish."

St. Charles Parish Sheriff Greg Champagne said the federal grant would allow the department to purchase radio equipment to communicate on the Louisiana Wireless Information Network System used by local, state and federal emergency responders

"These radios will allow our officers to reliably and quickly communicate with other officers and emergency personnel during important, critical times," said Sheriff Champagne. "The funds relieve the pressure on our budget and support the tools needed for our officers."

This grant for the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Department is being funded by the U.S. Department of Justice's Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program, which supports an array of initiatives to prevent and control local crime based on state and local needs.

Congressman Melancon has been [a strong supporter](#) in Congress of efforts to improve and streamline communication among local, state and federal emergency disaster personnel.

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